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DIAMOND VOLS GARNER POST-SEASON AWARDS

Tennessee second baseman Jeff Pickler, the 1998 Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, was named First Team All-America by *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper* and by *Baseball Weekly*. Outfielder Sonny Cortez earned Second Team All-America honors according to *Baseball Weekly* and Third Team honors by *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper*.

Pickler as we reported in our last issue, won the SEC Player of the Year honor after a spectacular season. Pickler led the SEC with a .445 batting average while pacing the league with 30 doubles. He leads the NCAA with 109 hits, while setting school records for doubles and hits in a season. Pickler batted .500 and hit six of his seven home runs in conference play. Pickler became only the second Volunteer to earn SEC Player of the Year honors. The first was Colorado Rockies rookie first baseman Todd Helton, who garnered the honor in 1995.

Cortez finished the season with a school-record 24 home runs while batting .387 on the season.

Pickler and Cortez were part of a squad that broke 11 offensive records, including batting average (.340), home runs (107), RBIs (510), doubles (152), and runs scored (566).

PICKLER AND COPLEY NAMED TO BASEBALL ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Pickler and fellow senior Travis Copley were named to the GTE Academic District IV Baseball Team, announced on May 18. Pickler and Copley were part of the 11-member team selected from Ohio, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, and Michigan.

Pickler is the lone repeat honoree from 1997, as he went on to garner Third Team Academic All-America honors last year. Tennessee was also the only school to have two student-athletes named to the all-district team.

We have already told you about Pickler's accomplishments, but Copley performed as admirably, as he garnered Second Team All-SEC honors as a designated hitter, batting .419 with five home runs and 46 RBIs.

Both Pickler and Copley were named to the 1998 SEC Academic Honor Roll.

SWIMMING AND DIVING ANNOUNCES SIGNEES

The Tennessee swimming and diving team announced the signing of 11 athletes for the 1998-99 season. The Vols, fresh off a fourth-place finish at the NCAAs in March, signed nine freshmen that will join the squad in the fall and a pair of junior college transfers who will enter school in the spring semester of 1999. The list of newcomers includes eight who have earned prep All-America honors and one Olympian.

The signees include: Michael Gross, backstroke, Sparta, N.J.; Justin Hoggatt, freestyle-butterfly, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Chris Hussey, freestyle, Upper Marlboro, Md.; Chris Johnson, freestyle, Murfreesboro; Nick Lakin, freestyle-butterfly, Fairport, N.Y.; Marcin Malinski, breaststroke-IM, Adynia, Poland; Jeremy McDonnell, breaststroke, Houston, Texas; Matt Parrish, backstroke-freestyle-butterfly, Troy, Mich.; Karl Pawlewicz, freestyle-butterfly, Farmington Hill, Mich.; Brett Tannhauser, freestyle-IM, Seattle, Wash.; and Joel Wallace, freestyle, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

FANCUTT GARNERS MORE HONORS

First year head tennis coach Michael Fancutt was selected as the Regional Wilson ITA Coach of the Year. Fancutt, a native of Brisbane, Australia, was one of eight collegiate tennis coaches in the nation to receive the honor. He was chosen from a field of 51 head coaches from the Region III schools. Upon winning the award, Fancutt becomes eligible for the National Wilson ITA Coach of the Year award.

Fancutt was named SEC co-Coach of the Year with LSU's Jeff Brown earlier this spring. Fancutt has led the Vols to a 14-7, 7-6 SEC mark in his first year. UT is currently ranked 16th in the country, up from a No. 60 preseason ranking. Last season, the Vols went 5-17 with a disappointing 0-12 SEc mark. Fancutt's eight-win improvement from last year is a program best for a first-year head coach.

The last time a Tennessee head coach took home the award was in 1990 when Mike DePalmer, Sr., was named Region III Coach of the Year. DePalmer also won the National Coach of the Year award that same year.

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THE FIRST WORD. . .

From the Editor

Each year Tennessee Vol athletes thrill Big Orange fans from the four corners of the Earth with their athletic ability and courage. And each year, we the fans, marvel at those accomplishments and wonder what awaits us around the corner. What can the athlete possibly do to top that last play or event.

But what is not well known is their exploits in the classroom. Many of these young men and women will leave this University, not for the lavish lifestyle that we all see of professional athletes, but a more realistic life style that the majority of the United States experiences.

That makes education all the more important. This past fall while the Vol gridiron players were busy claiming an SEC Championship, 18 of those very same athletes were named to the All-SEC Academic Honor Roll, not only a school record but a conference record by a school.

Last fall alone, over 100 student-athletes, both male and female, were named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll. That averages out to almost one in every four athletes making that list. Making the list means having made a 3.0 GPA or better, excluding freshman because they must have completed their first year of academics to be eligible.

With all of those accomplishments, we cannot forget that all of that hard work in the classroom leads to a degree and graduation from the University.

Joining those athletes as graduates were several support staff members, student workers or interns as they are known, that also should be recognized along with these athletes as they have also spent many hours working behind the scenes to make the athletic departments a success.

Here are your 1997-98 University of Tennessee graduates.

December 1997: Mike Anderson- Lady Vols Marketing; Billy Beron- football; James Braswell- football; Shay Coker- baseball; Bill Duff - football; Greg Frederick- Lady Vols Strength & Conditioning; Leslie Henley- track; Chris Hogue- football; Kevin Kinser- golf; Brian Lynch- football; Jeff McDaniel- swimming; Jonathan McLuhan- baseball; Jenny Meeks- volleyball; Tori Miller- Lady Vols Marketing; Ryan Myers- baseball; Robert Poole- football; Daron Porter- Vol Cheerleader; James Rumbaugh- swimming; Benjie Shuler- football; Kelly Smith- track; Kelli Spitzbarth- Lady Vols Marketing; and Kevin Zurcher- football.

May 1998: Joe Abell- baseball; Mike Anderson- baseball; Ashley Armstrong- Lady Vols Academics; Kristin Bachochin- tennis; Larry Binion- football; Chris Brown- track; Eric Brown- football; Dawn Burton- swimming; Anissa Campbell- track; Phil Carter- track; Jason Clabo- baseball; Sonny Cortez- baseball; Carol Crawford- Lady Vols Media Relations; Brooke Dalton- Athletic Development; Zenos Deschamps- Lady Vols Athletic Training; Tori DeSilvia- swimming; Geno Devane- track; Bob Dickie- track; Kembree Darakshani- Athletic Development; Justin Duckwiler- baseball; Michelle Elfervig- track; Boomer Erick- golf; Emily Fisher- Lady Vols Athletic Development; Candice Fode- softball; Shad Forsythe- Lady Vols Athletic Training; Cory Gaines- football; Kris Hall- rowing; Aaron Hayden- football; Laura Haynes- track; John Hines- Lady Vols Media Relations; Audra Householder- Vol cheerleading; Chris Jackson- track; Saidah Jones- track; Chad King- Sports Information; Blake Kilpatrick- Lady Vols Strength & Conditioning; Brad Laux- Lady Vols Media Relations; Katrice Malcom- track; Kevin Marina- Sports Information; Beth Marlow- track; Caitriona McCarthy- tennis; Leslie Mix- swimming & rowing; Heather Moore- softball; Mike Moran- track; Jason Myers- football; Matt Myers- baseball; Brad Pendergrass- football student assistant; Denise Phillips- Graduate Assistant Student Life; Jeff Pickler- baseball; Ben Pittman- track; Tracy Reidhead- softball; Cheri Sears- swimming; Rick Starratt- Lady Vols Web Developer; Rob Strauber- swimming; Angela Taylor- Lady Vols Marketing; Charlie Taylor- Lady Vols Marketing; Allison Thompson- swimming; Michael Traa- football; Vonda Ward- basketball; and Nate Westin- track.

SPECIAL NOTE: Michael Traa, a member of the Tennessee football squad (1994-97), received a commission into the United States Marines in a ceremony held at Neyland Stadium following graduation ceremonies.

Traa was commissioned as a second lieutenant. UT does not generally send the kind of numbers into the OCS School like VMI and Texas A&M which is unique in its own right, but he was a reservist coming from the enlisted ranks having already served as a Marine since 1994. He will head to basic school (six months of training) at Quantico, Va.

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Tennis Team On The Rise...

An interview with Mark Way and Chad Copenhaver!

Last season, the Volunteer tennis team suffered through a winless SEC season and posted only a 5-17 overall record.

It was time for the tennis team to take a new direction. The first direction it took was south, when Tennessee went to Australia for its new head coach. Former Vol Michael Fancutt was picked to turn the Vol tennis program around and bring it back into national prominence. He has done just that and more.

"Last year was a downer all year," junior Mark Way said. "We had two guys suspended and Chad Copenhaver was out with the injury. Our confidence was low in every match. This year we have six strong players where last year everybody was playing in a position that was a little above them."

Along with the new coach were six new players and the results were positive for the Vol netters.

The Vols finished the regular season with a 13-6 record and a 7-6 mark in the SEC. They also finished the regular season ranked No. 16 Rolex Collegiate Tennis Rankings. The turn-around earned Fancutt SEC Co-Coach of the Year honors and Regional Wilson ITA Coach of the Year honors. His influence on the team has been obvious.

"Coach Fancutt has made us more cocky," Way said. "He is confident and cocky, and he spreads that out to the team. His attitude has helped us."

Fancutt's winning attitude has put bigger demands on the team, and the team has responded.

"He expects to win every match and he expects us to feel the same way," junior Chad Copenhaver said. "He doesn't want us to be satisfied with playing close matches. He wants us to find a way to win."

The Vols found ways to win this season and defeated five higher ranked opponents during the course of the season. The Vols posted wins over No. 57 Indiana (5-2), No. 16. Auburn (4-3), No. 20 Alabama (5-2) and No. 20 Kentucky (6-1). Perhaps the biggest win of the year came in a 4-3 win over No. 9 Florida in Gainesville.

"It gave us a lot of confidence winning matches early in the season," Way said. "Last season we lost every SEC match which basically gave us no confidence at all. We also got a lot of new players this year and that helped as well. After winning some close matches our confidence improved and we developed confidence in ourselves. Having a winning record in the SEC also helped."

Way and Copenhaver have played a major role in the turnaround of the team. They each play in singles for the team, but have been at their best in doubles competition.

The duo has posted a 23-9 record and held the No. 15 spot in the Rolex rankings. They advanced to the second round of the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga.

The two also picked up a tournament win at the Southern Collegiate Championships held in Athens, Ga., during the fall season.

The twosome had teamed up during the 1996 season had gotten some good results. But a back injury to Copenhaver forced him out for the entire year.

Members of the 1997-98 tennis team are: Front Row (left to right) - Kaspar Rasmussen, John Fritts, Mark Parsons, Roger Ilias, Juan Gamboa; Back Row (left to right) - Asst. Coach Carlos Garcia, manager Ilia Jelai, Chad Copenhaver, Mark Way, Andy Crews, Chris Buckley, manager Philip Humphreys, Head Coach Michael Fancutt. Not pictured: Matt Jacobs, Mark Fitzpatrick, Paul Podbury.

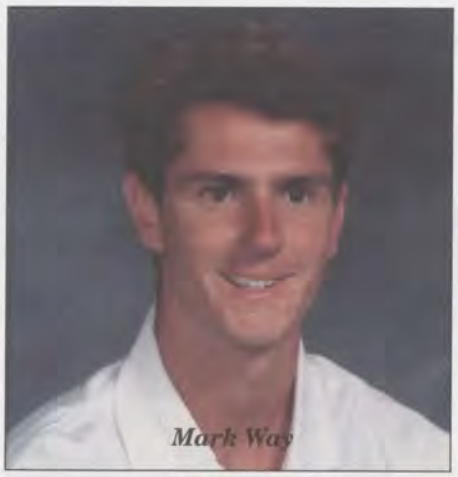
"We had played together two years before and had gotten some good results then," Copenhaver said "We knew we could we play well together and could blend together."

The recovery from the injury though was a long process for Copenhaver.

"It was really tough to sit out and see how the season went," he said. "I didn't play at all for nine months and not very much at all for the final three months (of the 1996 season). It was one of the most frustrating things ever. I would take a month off, then hit for 10 minutes and couldn't move."

But Copenhaver made a successful return to the elite of the collegiate tennis world.

"I don't know if I am playing as well as I was before the injury, but I am pretty pleased with the way I have come back," he said. "Being out for over a year, it is tough to come back and get right back into tough competition and the SEC."



Mark Way

Chad Copenhaver

ties them for fifth in the UT record book for most double wins in a season. They also stand tied for sixth in the Tennessee record books for most doubles win in a career with 29. That number is sure to increase as the two will be back at Tennessee for their senior season next year.

Also helping is that they will probably be ranked in the in the top 10 in the first rankings of the season. There will be less than five teams back next year that are currently ranked in front of them.

"We can start off next season ranked in the Top 10," Way said. "That helps us to get in the main draw in the big tournaments. This year we had to play in the qualifying round in the first couple of tournaments. We will get in the main draw of the first two national tournaments and will probably be seeded."

Way has started to succeed in the No. 1 spot on the Vols team. He is ranked No. 47 nationally and was the first alternate for the NCAA Championships.

"I had a lot more confidence this year," Way said. "Last year was a big step up for me. Everybody you play at No. 1 in SEC is going to be ranked in the Top 20. So if you get a couple of wins over those guys, your ranking is going to go up."

But doubles is where he and Copenhaver have achieved the most, and both enjoy playing doubles with one another.

"I think it takes a little pressure off playing doubles because if any one of us has a bad day, the other one can pick up his game," Copenhaver said. "Doubles is fun. You are out there with somebody else and have somebody to help figure out what the team needs to be doing. It is good to match-up with somebody who is strong where you are weak and vice-versa."

Copenhaver is not only excelling on the court, but was one of three Vol tennis players to earn Academic All-SEC honors. He along with Roger Ilias and Kaspar Rasmussen all were on the team.

"I think academics is just what you put into it," Copenhaver said. "I take that as a challenge just like tennis. I want to do as well academically as a I can as well. There will be life after tennis, and I want to be prepared for that too."

The Vol tennis team went from a No. 60 preseason ranking to a move into the top 20. That is quite an accomplishment, but the team wants more.

"We have had a lot better year as a team and finished around No. 16 in the country," Copenhaver said. "It was a big improvement for us. I think we had some breakthrough wins over teams ranked from nine to 20, but hopefully next year we will be able to knock off some top eight teams."

— Rob Hardin

"THIS IS THE PREMIERE CONFERENCE IN THE COUNTRY. THERE ARE NO EASY MATCHES. YOU COME TO THE SEC TO PLAY THAT COMPETITION. THIS YEAR WE PLAYED 15 TEAMS THAT WERE RANKED, AND IN THE SEC YOU ARE ALWAYS GOING TO PLAY GOOD TEAMS. THAT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE AND GET GOOD WINS."

—CHAD COPENHAVER

Playing tough competition and playing in the SEC go hand-in-hand. In the latest poll, 10 of the top 25 spots were held by SEC teams. It is the top tennis conference in the country.

"This is the premiere conference in the country," Copenhaver said. "There are no easy matches. You come to the SEC to play that competition.

"This year we played 15 teams that were ranked, and in the SEC you are always going to play good teams. That gives us an opportunity to improve and get good wins."

The doubles tandem of Way and Copenhaver have played the top competition with good results. They defeated two No. 2 ranked teams during the course of the season.

The 23 wins the two have posted

Big Orange Caravan...
13 Stops in 4 Weeks!

The 1998 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan has drawn to a close of another successful year. Along the way there were a lot of memorable moments, and there were a lot of people that helped make the caravan possible.

This was an opportunity for people from across the state and in Georgia and Alabama who follow the Vols, to come out and spend time with our people on a one-to-one basis.

I was able to attend two of the 13 stops on the Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan, but it was enough to get a good idea of just how much people enjoy and welcome the opportunity to spend a day with members of the University. Many of course come out to see people like Coach Phillip Fulmer and Coach Jerry Green, but they also had a chance to spend time with other valued members like the men's and women's diving coach Dave Parrington and assistant swimming coach Joe Hendee. People like assistant golf coach Colin Moskal, assistant basketball coach Byron Samuels, assistant Lady Vol basketball coach Al Brown, or UT Band Director Gary Sousa also made guest appearances.

The Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan provided fans from everywhere the chance to spend a day with a University that they consider special for various reasons.

What they all had in common was that they loved the University of Tennessee and they were thrilled to have a chance to meet Coach Fulmer or Coach Green, let alone the chance to play golf with them.

There were memories and stories made on the different golf courses, and everyone who went would have a story to tell. As for me I have a few.

The most memorable one, of which I was reminded of by Coach Samuels the other day as he stopped by the office, was on our stop in Atlanta. Coach Green was making rounds with the many golfers present that day. He met up with our group around the 10th hole. My golf game is in its infant stages. I cannot hit a straight tee shot for anything; I lost 18 golf balls in two days, of which almost everyone came on my drives.

Anyways, Coach Green got to witness my drives first hand, and he had some advice for me later that day.

Upon arrival back at the RV, Coach Green and Coach Brown were giving everyone a hard time, for just about anything, just as long as it was for laughs.

Then I arrived and Coach Green mentioned that he and Coach Brown had been discussing my golf game. Brown was in the driver's seat laughing, and Coach Green proceeded to tell me that they had come up with a good idea. He asked if Brown would like to share the information, which Brown declined. It was then that Green placed his arm on the back of the couch and said that they had decided that I needed to take two weeks off, and then he paused with a grin that told me that the best was still to come. At which time he then stated "And then quit!" That brought the whole bus to laughing. I felt as if I had just passed the initiation and was now a full-fledged Caravan member.

Our editor Tom Mattingly spent time on the trip as did other Sports Information personnel such as David Grim, and our own Rob Hardin, and each had their own memories and funny stories.

There is the story of Fred Waggoner holding us up in Georgia as we were filling up with gas, because he thought the transmission was going out on the RV. As it turned out it was only the shut off valve to the RV which had kicked on when the gas tank was overfilled.

Coach Fulmer pauses to speak to a few of the golfers and even sign some autographs before heading out onto the course at Signal Mountain, just outside of Chattanooga. Photo by Donnell Field.

Some other notes of interest

**The RV ran over two barrels trying to get onto the interstate following the Memphis stop.*

**They had Orange & White flags and "Power-T" tee markers in Memphis.*

**Pat Summitt's brother was in the winning group in Clarksville; they shot 20 under.*

**Parking, the point system, and Tee Martin were the hot topics at many stops.*

**Mark Ingram will apply for the golf coach job because he showed such skill, winning three times and garnering two "closest to the pins."*

**There was a tornado on the ground in Cleveland, delaying the start by 45 minutes.*

**Bubba Miller showed up in Franklin; Harry Galbreath showed up in Clarksville; Stanley Morgan showed up in Memphis; Trey Peterson showed up in Birmingham; and Cosey Coleman showed up in Atlanta.*

Aside from that there were a lot of great things that happened while on the tour and the University benefited greatly.

What a great opportunity the University has when the Big Orange Coca-Cola Caravan comes around each year. The friends that are made and the doors that are opened cannot be measured, nor can the memories. As a University all we can say to those who opened their doors for us, is thank you for your hospitality and friendship. We hope that next year will be just as fun and as memorable.

This story could not be complete without thanking those who worked behind the scenes to make everything possible: Knoxville Coca-Cola; Chilhowee RV on Alcoa Highway and owner Fred Waggoner and driver Don Davis; and Wilson Sporting Goods.

Of course thanks goes out to our site contacts, those who sponsored holes, the country clubs and golf clubs for being such gracious host, companies who provided us with beverages, and the student workers who helped to stuff bags, run errands and everything in between to make sure things were ready for each Big Orange Coca-Cola Caravan stop.

Here are some results:

Sevierville, Tenn., April 24

Unable to obtain winners list.

Jackson, Tenn., April 27

1st place team consisted of
Mike Hamilton, Buster Ferguson, Chuck Newell and Bill Richardson

Memphis, Tenn., April 28

Unable to obtain winners list.

Cookeville, Tenn., May 5

1st place team consisted of
Terry Kendall, Lanny Hudson, Barry Whittaker and Chris Ferguson

Morristown, Tenn., May 6

1st place team consisted of
David Nicely, Steve Mathena, Barry Litton and Jerry Daniels

Cleveland, Tenn., May 7

1st place team consisted of
Mike Karlen, Mark Ingram, Gary Buchannan and Steve Kirkham

Clarksville, Tenn., May 11

1st place team consisted of
Tommy Head, Rupert Baker, Ray Teague, Larry McMillan and Al Brown

Nashville, Tenn., May 12

Unable to obtain winners list.

Franklin, Tenn., May 13

1st place team consisted of
Bruce Long, Chris Long, Wayne Harnick, Craig Newby and Chuck McDowell

Lewisburg, Tenn., May 14

1st place in the first flight went to
Mike Tankersley, Curt Wilson, R. Chandler and Dewayne Davis
1st place in the second flight went to
Mike Smith, Mike Phipps, Steven Flatt and Mark Ingram

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 18

1st place in the gross division went to
Lou Trivett, Kevin Trivett, Bill Myers, and Matt Wells.
1st place in the net division went to
Rob Landham, Jackie Davidson, Lee Cantrell and Bryan Raines

Atlanta, Ga., May 19

1st place in the gross division went to
Mark Strickland, Bert Love, Jay Crook and Tom Gladden
1st place in the net division went to
James Panter, Tom Panter, Lynette Panter and Joe Liveley

Birmingham, Ala., May 20

Unable to obtain winners list.

—Donnell Field & Steve Sams

Athletics Director Doug Dickey talks to the crowd at Signal Mountain about the importance of their contributions to the University and how important it is that everyone stays involved with what is going on at the University of Tennessee. Dickey also spoke about the new student life building that will break ground this summer. Photo by Donnell Field.

SEC Championships...

Vols Claim 4th Place in SEC Track!

Tennessee's men's track and field program concluded its 1998 conference season on May 24 with a fourth-place finish at the conference meet in Gainesville, Fla. Arkansas won the championship with 183 points, followed by LSU with 135.5, Florida with 110, Tennessee with 86 and South Carolina with 84. With Tennessee's finish, several Vols posted successful times and marks on the day to assist the Big Orange effort.

In the field portion of the day, Chris Morland placed third in the javelin with a throw of 231-5 with teammates Pat Buckheit and Phil Carter placing eighth and ninth with throws of 183-1 and 181-8, respectively. Buckheit's distance stands as his season best in the event. Scott Perkinson brought home a seventh-place finish in the discus with his toss of 173-4. Lance Jauron posted a throw of 167-10 in the event with Aaron Ausmus throwing the implement 163-4 as well.

Though, the story of the day for the Vols came in the high jump where freshman Tim Bell continued to open eyes as he topped his previous season and personal bests in the event with a leap of 7-3 3/4. The Maryville native broke the world junior decathlon record in the high jump earlier in the year. His teammate Diondre Jackson posted a height of 6-10 1/4 during the day.

The running segment of the afternoon brought more top times for the Vols. In the 110 meter hurdles, Dawane Wallace finished in third place in a time of 13.88, while Adrian Wheatley posted a season-best time of 54.10 in the 400 meter hurdles. Freshman Russell Frye placed fifth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 21.24 with Bob Dickie finishing the 5000 meter run in a time of 15:36.18.

The final two events on the day came in the relays. There, the Vol team of Frye, Wallace, Justin Devine and Ryan Douglas posted a season-best time in the 400 meter relay with a mark of 40.14 and a sixth-place finish. In the 1600 meter relay, the Vol team of Douglas, Wallace, Adrian Wheatley and Devine finished in eighth place with a time of 3:12.30.

After seven scored events at the 1998 SEC Track and Field Championships in Gainesville, Fla., Tennessee led the pack with 55 points. They were followed by LSU (39.5 points), Arkansas (38 points), Georgia (33 points) and Florida (30 points). The Vols' lead was attributed to Buckheit's championship in the decathlon on Friday and Wes Boudreau grabbing the second individual championship of the meet for Tennessee in the hammer throw on Saturday.

Boudreau led the pack with a throw of 216-10 which stood more than two feet longer than second place Gamecock Albert Sorin's throw 214-05. Other finals on the day included the 10,000 meters where the Vols' Chris Brown took fifth place in a time of 30:57.67, while teammate Doug Ellington grabbed 12th in 33:04.79.

In the shot put it was business as usual for Darwin Walker who continued to improve his lead on his teammates with a season-high throw of 60-6 3/4 and a fifth-place finish. Ausmus also scored in the event with his season-best toss of 58-10 1/4. Russell Johnson narrowly missed winning the SEC title in the pole vault as he claimed second place with a jump of 17-9 3/4, while Vol Tim O'Hare finished 10th in the event with a leap of 15-1.

The long jump saw Geno Devane take 15th place with a leap of 23-2 3/4. In the 300 meter steeplechase, senior Bob Dickie came home with a ninth-place finish in 9:10.72, while teammate Joe Dickson barely missed a season-best time with his finish in 9:27.97.

In the 200 meter prelims, Tennessee freshman Russell Frye qualified for Sunday's final with a season, personal-best and provisional time of 20.77 and a ninth-place finish. Teammate Devine crossed the line in 21.57 in the event. Finally, in the 400 meter hurdles, Douglas placed 18th with a provisional time of 50.02 which stands as the top performance

Tennessee's men's track and field program began its quest for the coveted SEC Track Championship with the decathlon. During the event, three Vols, Pat Buckheit, Jeremy Racey and Grant Cleghorn, notched top times and marks during each day, while the Vols' Buckheit claimed the SEC championship with 7273 points. Buckheit was followed closely by teammate Cleghorn who notched second place honors with 6974 points, while Racey placed seventh with 6507points.

During day one action, Buckheit wrapped up competition in second place behind Mississippi's Jon Parry after the first five events and a score 3815 points. The junior from Hamburg, New York, tallied a time of 11.07 in the 100 meter dash, while claiming a season-best time of 49.98 in the 400 meters. In the three field events of the day, he posted a leap of 22-4 1/4 in the long jump, a jump of 6-3 1/4 in the high jump and threw the shot put a distance of 42-4 3/4.

Day two proved to be more fruitful for Buckheit as he garnered his first-place finish with a time of 15.24(w) in the 110 meter hurdles while running the 1500 meters in 4:48.09. In the day's field portion, he notched a throw of 127-7 in the discus, a vault of 13-3 1/4 in the pole vault and a throw of 174-2 in the javelin.

Buckheit's win marks the second consecutive Vol to claim the SEC championship in the decathlon. Tom Pappas claimed the championship in 1997.

Meanwhile Buckheit's teammates Jeremy Racey and Grant Cleghorn closed out day one in fifth and sixth place overall with point totals of 3672 and 3665, respectively. Cleghorn posted a time of 11.21 in the 100 meter dash and a time of 49.43 in the 400 meters, the fastest time in the event. In addition to his win in the 400 meter dash, Cleghorn also had a leap of 22-1 1/2 in the long jump, a height of 6-2 in the high jump and a throw of 36-11 in the shot put.

On Friday, the Tennessee junior finished the day with a strong second place showing to give the Vols the one-two punch. He posted times of 14.73 in the 110 meter hurdles, which he won, and 4:43.71 in the 1500 meters. Cleghorn notched a throw of 120-2 in the discus, a jump of 13-9 1/4 in the pole vault and a distance of 144-4 in the javelin to wrap up the day.

On Thursday, Racey posted a time of 11.40 in the 100 meters while running the 400 meter dash in 53.05 seconds. In the field, he garnered marks 21-7 1/2 in the long jump, 6-5 1/2 in the high jump, which ties him with Buckheit for third place on Tennessee's 1998 top performances list, and posted a throw of 45-10 in the shot put.

During day two, the Chile native once again posted successful marks to finish the event in seventh place. In the 110 meter hurdles, he garnered a time of 15.62 and a time of 4:32.65 in the 1500 meter run. In the field, Racey posted a throw of 132-1 in the discus, a no height in the pole vault and a distance of 180-3 in the javelin.

—Chad King

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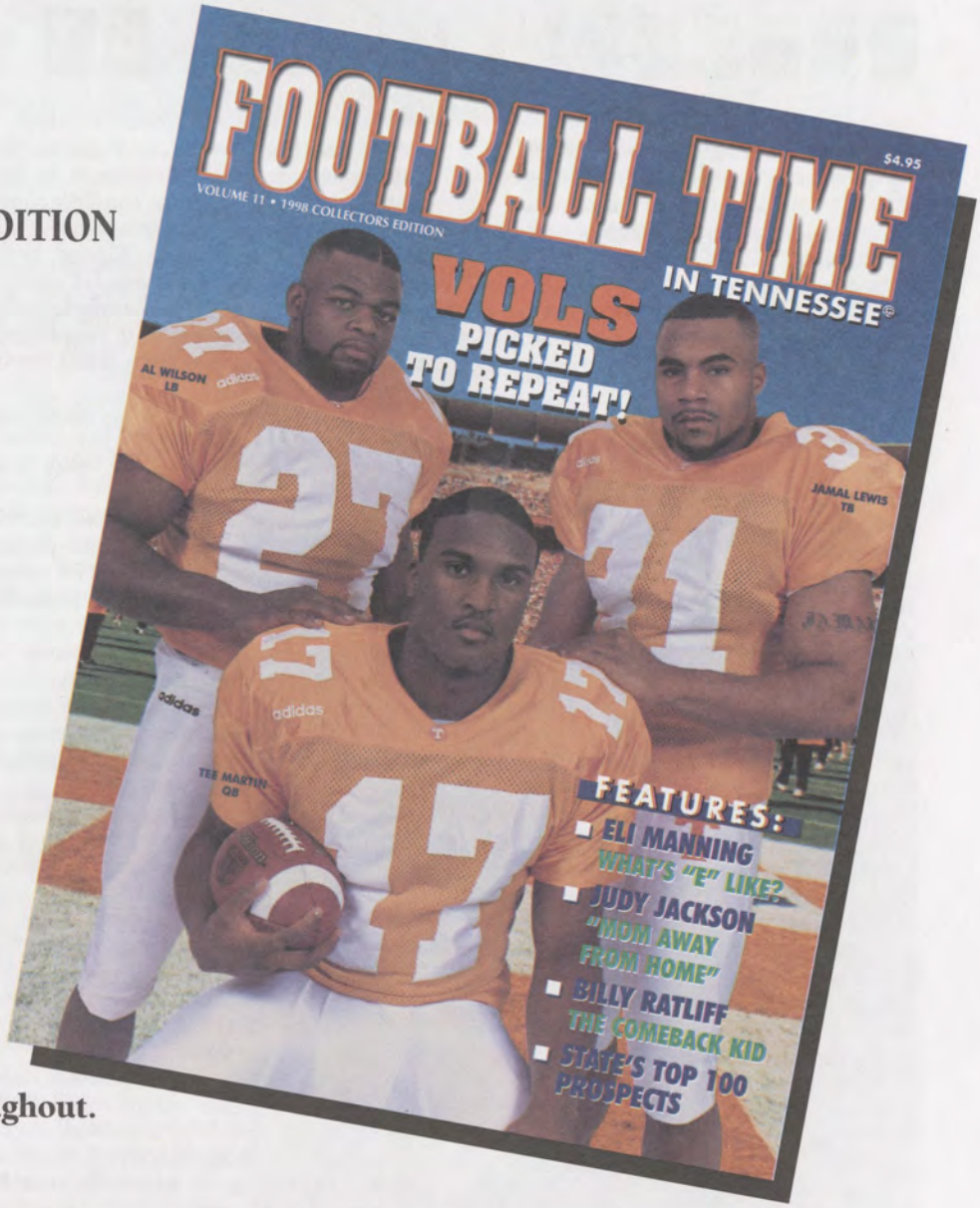

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols... A Different View of the Game!

Football at the University of Tennessee has generally been a pretty serious undertaking, but it hasn't been all grim-jawed and steely-eyed. There have been some lighter moments.

Every Vol team has had its share of those irreverent free spirits who provided comic relief from the demanding disciplines of the practice field.

Gene McEver, UT's first All-America and first Hall of Famer, was also a jokester of the first order. Even the overpowering presence of Bob Neyland himself failed to intimidate the irrepressible tailback.

Legend has it that in one scrimmage session McEver was given the chance to throw passes, a task usually reserved for the Vols' illustrious quarterback, Bobby Dodd. Neyland, a former West Point end who was still inn his thirties in that era, the late 1920s, lined up as a receiver to give the ends an insight on how to run pass patterns.

The rule was that the passer was to yell "Ball!" as he released the pigskin, giving the receiver time to turn and make the catch. McEver, however, decided to play a little trick on Neyland.

He released the pass, then waited a few counts before yelling "Ball!" When Neyland turned, the ball was already there, right in his face.

Whether Neyland realized he had been had is something that only he knew. But McEver, the story goes, never threw another pass during his Vol career.

A decade late, another fun-loving tailback enlivened proceedings for the great team of 1938, the only group of Vols to go through both the regular season and a bowl game unbeaten and untied. His name was Walter "Babe" Wood.

One of the Vols' toughest games in 1938 was with LSU at Shields-Watkins Field in late October. That year, the Bayou Bengals boasted one of the greatest pass receivers in the Southeastern Conference in end Ken Kavanaugh.

Tennessee won the game, 14-6, but only after Kavanaugh had given the Vols many an anxious moment. In his most spectacular exploit, the Tiger end leaped high in the end zone to make an acrobatic catch for the Tigers' only touchdown. Pass defense was UT's pride and joy in those days, and, unfortunately for Wood, he happened to be playing safety at the time. He knew what lay in store for him.

"I didn't even wait to be taken out of the game," he said later. "I just trotted off the field as soon as the play was over."

As the Babe reached the bench, the sideline phone was ringing. Babe picked it up, knowing that it would be assistant coach Bill Britton calling from his booth in the press box.

"Get that ..... Wood out of there!," screamed Britton.

"Wood speaking," replied the Babe.

Some of the sturdier Vol linemen of past years used to enjoy exhibiting their strength in a rather bizarre way.

Dick Huffman, the All-America tackle of the 1946 team, was said to have picked up Paul "Lefty" Walther, the basketball star, by his heels and dangled him out of an upper story window at the old stadium dorm. A few years later, another lineman, guard Francis Holohan, was reported to have done the same thing, with cager Joe Treadway as his victim.

Happily, neither Huffman nor Holohan relaxed their grips, and both Walther and Treadway survived.

And how about this for dedication. Little Tim Townes of Knoxville, a walk-on, fought and scratched his way to a starting position in the defensive backfield in the early 1970s. During spring practice one year, he suffered a broken arm which didn't heal properly, and team doctors told him it would have to be rebroken and reset.

Tim went to head coach Bill Battle and asked to take part in the next scrimmage.

"If my arm has to be broken anyway, I'd rather do it on the field," he said.

Former Vol

Gary Womble (1969,71)

Gary Womble came to UT from Sarasota, Fla., and was in school from 1967 through 1971.

He was part of an NCAA Indoor Championship Mile Relay team in 1969, running the first leg of the event with Abe Henderson, Audry Hardy, and Hardee McAlhaney, which the Vols won in a time of 3:14.6. He was part of an NCAA Mile Relay team that finished second in 1970 and 1971.

He was also part of an SEC Championship Mile Relay team in 1968 which the Vols won in a time of 3:10.2, as he ran the first leg. The Vols won the outdoor crown again in 1969 in a time of 3:09.5.

He was also part of an SEC Championship contingent in 1969 as the Vols won the 440-yard relay in a time of 40.3.

In indoor events, the Vols won the SEC Mile Relay in both 1969 and 1970, as Womble ran the first leg in each of those events.

He owns Acorn Glass in Sarasota, and is a 1971 UT graduate in political science.

He is married to the former Denise Kauffman of Sarasota. He has two children, Jarrod, 22, and Hilary, 16.

Gary Womble was part of an NCAA Championship for the Vols in track in the Mile Relay in 1969, and runners-up in 1970 and 1971.

Honors For Pesek Keep Rolling In

Junior All-America Kathy Pesek, who capped off her season by winning the NCAA platform diving championship, added another honor to her resume when she was named as the CoSIDA/GTE Academic All-America of the Year for women's winter at-large sports. The Houston, Texas, native carries a 3.89 GPA in audiology and speech pathology. A first-team selection, Pesek, who was also chosen as the SEC Diver of the Year, was joined by senior backstroker, Fabiola Molina, who was named to the third team.

Athlete of the Year Honors Go Out at All Sports Banquet

The annual Athlete of the Year awards were passed out to 10 female athletes at the Lady Vols' All Sports Banquet. The following nominees are up for selection to the Athlete of the Year Award: Team (Basketball), sophomore Kristen Ritter (cross country), senior Skyli Yamada (golf), junior Jody Scott (rowing), junior Kassie Kees (soccer), junior Sarah Ayres (softball), junior Kathy Pesek (swimming & diving), senior Manisha Malhotra (tennis), junior Kelli White (track & field) and junior Kim Obiala (volleyball).

Crew Wins First-Ever Southern Championships, Earns Ranking

Behind the winning performance of the Novice Lightweight 4+, the Lady Vol rowing team captured its first-ever women's all-point title at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships in Oak Ridge.

On the day, Tennessee advanced each of its boats to the finals and collected two silvers and two bronzes to go along with its gold. The Varsity 4+, which finished fourth, recently received its first regional ranking of the season, coming in at No. 4 in the Central Region.

Swimming Coach Johnson To Resign

After five years as an assistant swim coach for the Lady Vols, Jenna Johnson has elected to resign her post. A double-gold medalist at the 1984 Olympic Games, Johnson has helped the Lady Vols to four top-15 finishes at the NCAAs during her tenure in Knoxville.

Norris Snares Two All-SEC Honors

Junior left fielder Kenyail Norris earned her first All-SEC selection and her second Academic All-SEC honor to cap off the Lady Vols who received conference accolades.

Joining Norris on the All-SEC second team was first-time honoree junior second baseman Kelli Fitzgerald.

On the Academic All-SEC list was senior catcher Jodi Ramirez, junior pitcher Sarah Ayres, junior pitcher Jackie Beavers and junior center fielder Jenny Steele. Steele was a second-time choice, while Ramirez, Ayres and Beavers received the honor for the first time.

Record Four Golfers Make All-SEC

For the first time in the program's history, four Lady Vol golfers were honored as All-SEC. Senior Erin Kurczewski was chosen to the first team, while junior Jessica Lindbergh was named to the second team. Senior Skyli Yamada and freshman Anna Umemura were honorable mention selections.

Academically, Lindbergh and senior Rachel Thompson were both named to the Academic All-SEC team. It was the third straight honor for Thompson and the second for Lindbergh.

New Golfer Joins Pavon Family

On Thurs., April 9, assistant golf coach Judi Pavon gave birth to Maya Celia Pavon. Maya tipped the scales at 8 lbs. and 2 oz. Pavon and husband Luis also have a two-year old daughter, Alexa.

Lady Vol Tennis Team Ends Season

On Thurs., May 21, the Lady Volunteer tennis team ended its 1998 season at the NCAA Team Tournament after being defeated by #2 Stanford. Tennessee concludes the season with a 20-11 overall record and a 9-6 record in the Southeastern Conference.

The team advanced to the tournament after a 5-4 victory over Vanderbilt gave them the 1998 Southeast Regional title and a draw of fifteen placed them in the bracket to face Stanford.

At No. 1 singles Manisha Malhotra was defeated by Anne Kremer 3-6, 5-7 and the rest of the team followed the above set example. Julie Scott downed Margie Lepsi at No. 2 singles 6-2, 6-1. Whitney Dill was crushed at No. 3 singles 1-6, 1-6 by Stanford's Teryn Ashley. At No. 4 singles, Erin Lowrey fought hard but lost to Ania Bleszynski, 4-6, 4-6.

At both numbers five and six Stanford continued to dominate. Playing the No. 5 slot SU's Sara Pestieau won over Vinny Seiverling, 1-6, 3-6. And Megan Russell was pounded at No. 6 0-6, 0-6 by Jen Heiser.

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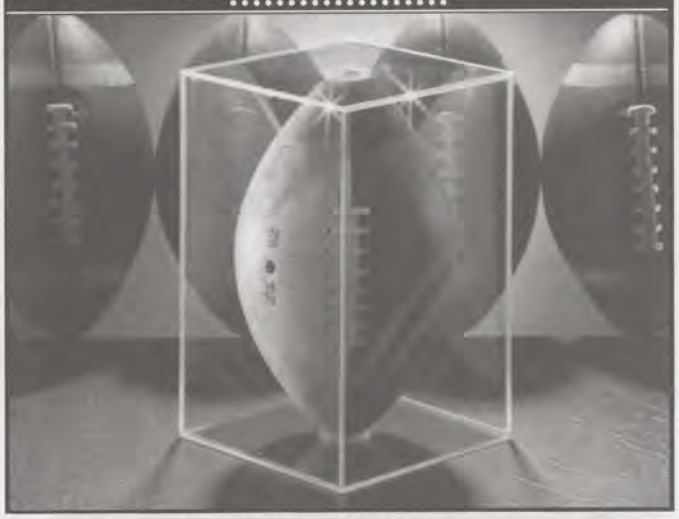

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TENNIS TEAM CONCLUDES SEASON

The No. 17 Vol men's tennis team (14-6 overall, 7-6 in the SEC) defeated No. 37 South Florida 4-1 in the first round of the Region III Championships in Lexington, Ky. Tennessee improved its non-conference record to a perfect 7-0 with the win against South Florida. The winner of the Region III Championships advanced to the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga., May 23-31.

The Vols lost the doubles point, but rallied during singles action to survive the first scorching round of the road to the NCAAs.

At No. 2 doubles, Paul Podbury and Juan Gamboa lost to South Florida's Nicholas Parker and Brian Lit 8-5. At No. 3 doubles, Vols Mark Fitzpatrick and Mark Parsons were defeated by Boris Babic and Aleks Popovic 8-2. With the doubles point gone to South Florida, the No. 1 doubles match between No. 15 Chad Copenhaver and Mark Way and South Florida's Silviu Nistor and Fabio Tintori was suspended.

The Vols came alive in singles play as they won four straight matches. At No. 1 singles, No. 47 Way bested Fabio Tintori in a tight 7-5, 2-6, 7-5 match. At No. 3 singles, Parsons defeated Matt Guyaux 4-6, 6-0, 6-4. With the win, Parsons ties former Vol Chris Woodruff's freshman win count of 36. The 36 wins ties Parsons for ninth in the Vol record books for most singles wins in a season. At No. 5 singles, Copenhaver beat Nistor 6-2, 6-2. At No. 6 singles, Gamboa defeated Jay Shah 6-2, 6-4. After the Vols clinched the fourth match for the victory, the Nos. 2 and 4 singles matches were suspended.

The No. 17 tennis team (14-7 overall, 7-7 in the SEC) lost a 4-3 thriller to No. 20 Auburn in the semifinals of the NCAA Region III Championships in Lexington, Ky. Auburn avenged a 4-3 upset defeat at the hands of the Vols on March 10, 1998. The loss ends the Vols' first season under head coach Michael Fancutt. The nine-win improvement from last year is a program best for a first year head coach. Tennessee under Fancutt vaulted from a preseason ranking of 60th to their current position at No. 17.

Tennessee took the doubles point. At No. 1 singles, No. 15 Copenhaver and Way lost to No. 7 Steve Huss and Lee Pearson 8-4. At No. 2 doubles, Podbury and Gamboa beat Georges Matijasevic and Rene Moller of Auburn 8-5. Tennessee won the doubles point after Fitzpatrick and Parsons beat Christian Limbart and Marcel Mizerski 8-6 in No. 3 doubles.

The Vols struggled in singles play as they won only two of six matches. At No. 1 singles, No. 47 Way got blanked by No. 7 Lee Pearson 6-0, 6-0. The match marked the first time this season a Vol failed to win a game. In No. 2 singles play, Fitzpatrick was defeated by No. 37 Huss 6-2, 5-7, 6-3. In No. 3 singles, Parsons closed out his season with a straight-set win over Moller 7-6, 7-5. Parsons finished the season with a 37-12 record, the most wins on the team. The win total of 37 places Parsons tied for eighth with former Vol Brice Karsh (1991) for most singles wins in a season. At No. 4 singles, Copenhaver lost to Matijasevic 6-3, 6-2. In No. 5 singles, Gamboa bested Mizerski 4-6, 6-2, 6-0. Gamboa finished with a 23-10 record, the second most wins on the squad. Gamboa won 15 of his last 17 matches. With the score tied 3-3, Auburn clinched the win at the No. 6 singles match. Tennessee's John Fritts lost a nailbiter to Lionel Bourroux 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (1). Fritts had not seen action since Jan. 16, 1998 at the SEC Indoor Championships in Knoxville.

By the closest of margins, Tennessee's road to the NCAA Championships is over. However, No. 15 Copenhaver and Way represented the Vols in the NCAA Championships doubles bracket May 23-31 in Athens, Ga. The Tennessee two received an at-large bid from Region III to compete in the NCAA Championships. Also, Way is listed as the No. 1 alternate for NCAA Championships singles play should a competitor drop out of the tournament.

—Nathan Kirkham

Kaspar Rasmussen was one of many contributing to change Vol fortunes.

Megan Reinhart took part in Urban Plunge program back in the fall.

REINHART HITS THE STREETS TO LEARN ABOUT HOMELESS

Sometimes it takes a dose of reality to appreciate what one has been given in life. It is a lesson that Megan Reinhart learned earlier this year. The sophomore on the rowing team has seen the heights of success and the struggles to which some have to go just to survive.

In the spring of 1997, Reinhart competed in the Varsity 4+ of the inaugural NCAA Championships and finished ninth. Six months later, she had a different experience. She learned in real terms what it was like to be homeless.

Last November, Reinhart participated in the Urban Plunge program through the organization Alliance For Hope. She and eight others lived the life of a homeless person for 48 hours on the streets of Knoxville.

As part of Homeless Awareness Week, Reinhart and her comrades were given instructions before they were dropped off on a Friday night a week before Thanksgiving. They were allowed to take .50 cents, an ID, a plastic sheet, a pillow, a paper bag with a bottle, cigarettes and a lighter, and a cardboard sign.

After being dropped off near a soup kitchen in East Knoxville, Reinhart and three of her group members split with the others and set out on their own. If they were to make it through the weekend, they would have to learn how to panhandle and dumpster dive.

Her first experience was to walk from North Broadway to campus. Along the way, the group stopped in at several different business to ask for coffee. However, they were denied and often treated rudely.

As the day passed, Reinhart and her group realized there was nothing to do but walk and talk. Shunned by local businesses for assistance, there was nowhere to go and nothing to do. They got bored very quickly.

By nightfall, they needed to find a place to sleep. The spot they settled on was an underpass. Since the police would often come by with their spotlights, they had to wedge themselves up on the top ledge into a tight space so they could sleep through the night undisturbed.

Saturday morning they met a group of homeless people. So as not to blow their cover, they concocted a story that they were traveling through town. The two couples were led by a man named Whiskey and included the only women they saw during their excursion, both of whom had been physically abused.

One of Reinhart's weekend observations was how much the homeless looked after each other. Whiskey knew of a condemned house that many homeless used and offered it to Reinhart's troop.

A palace to Whiskey, the house smelled of cigarettes, alcohol and urine. It had a dirt floor, a gas light, a mattress and a bucket for a bathroom. It was cold and they had been walking all day in the pouring, freezing rain. Rats and roaches were everywhere and there was a stray dog that Whiskey took care of. He offered their bed and their food, a day's catch of Burger King scraps.

Reinhart and her group graciously declined the offer and ended up sleeping between two apartments in the Fort Sanders area. Their tolerance for this existence was waning, and after meeting up with the other five members of the original nine, six gave in at 4 a.m. distraught and emotionally spent over their situation.

Reinhart was one of only three to make it all the way to the conclusion Sunday night where they all reconvened hungry and cold back on campus. A week later, she was home for Thanksgiving with an added incentive to be thankful.

"It was intense. People treated us rudely. Yet, I don't think I got the true experience because it was only for 48 hours. I learned that I take a lot for granted. Now when I see homeless people, I smile and talk to them."

—Brad Laux

GOLF TOURNEY ENDS 1997-98 YEAR!

T CLUB

RECAPPING THE LETTERMEN'S GOLF TOURNEY

The 1998 Lettermen's Golf Tourney brought to an end the 1997-98 year for the T-Club, as well over 100 people showed up to participate in the event.

There were a lot of new faces, or at least faces that a lot of the lettermen had not seen in a while. One of the newest faces to join the crowd as a member of the University of Tennessee Athletic Department was Condredge Holloway who is now the Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations. Condredge, can now reach him at his office in the Neyland-Thompson Sports Complex on campus.

The course was in excellent condition and the Lettermen's Club would like to thank Green Meadow Country Club for their hospitality and for allowing us to play at their fine facilities again this year.

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MEMBERSHIPS

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HOLLOWAY HONORED

Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations Condredge Holloway has been selected as one of three people to be honored by the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. Holloway joins defensive back Marv Luster and coach Teddy Morris as the latest to be bestowed with the title of "All-Time Argos." They will be saluted at the team's 1998 home opener at the SkyDome against the Calgary Stampeders on July 9.

Holloway, who played with the Argonauts from 1981-86, was one of the greatest quarterbacks in Toronto history. He holds all major career passing records in franchise history, including yards (16,619), attempts (1988), completions (1149) and touchdowns (98). for his career, Holloway has thrown for 25,193 yards, which is good for 11th all-time in CFL history. Toronto won the Grey Cup, their version of the Super Bowl, in 1983, after falling in the final game in 1982.

—Donnell Field

Members of this foursome include former Vols Mike Stratton, Mallon Faircloth, Mike LaSorsa and Gordon Polofsky as they stopped by on the 10th hole for this photo. Photo by Donnell Field.

On hole No. 1, Coach Randy Sanders, Condredge Holloway, Haskel Stanback, and Coach Pat Washington are pictured before teeing off for the Lettermen's Tournament. Photo by Donnell Field.

VASF News and Notes

Alf Holmberg Scholarship

Tennessee's first track and field All-America Alf Holmberg has received a very prestigious honor from his compatriots. At a team reunion on April 11, the 1949-51 class announced that a scholarship honoring the former Vol trackster would help to fund track and field athletes.

The announcement, which came at Knoxville's Calhoun's on the River, was part of the reunion festivities, in which the Alf Holmberg Scholarship Fund was established. The Fund is for $125,000 and to date $14,000 has been pledged toward the $125,000 goal. Due to an illness, Holmberg was unable to attend but he did send word after hearing of the honor expressing his gratitude and thankful wishes to all those who helped to put the scholarship fund in his honor together.

Holmberg finished second in the 1951 NCAA meet to gain All-America honors, and won the SEC cross country titles in both 1950 and 1951.

The Alf Holmberg Scholarship Fund is open to anyone wishing to make a contribution to aid track and field athletes. Those wishing to make a contribution should call the VASF office at (423) 974-1218 and ask for details.

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—Steve Sams

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July 6-10(D)	$195.00	$50.00		
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June 13-19	$265	$100/NR	B&G 9-17	(D)
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Spirit of the Big Orange...
VOL DANCE TEAM EMERGES WITH NEW FACES!

History has proven the only thing which remains constant is change. The Volunteer Dance team has done just that. This year new faces will don the uniforms, while a mixture of new and familiar faces will lead the way from the sidelines.

In 1987, the University of Tennessee spirit program took a giant leap forward with the creation of the Volettes, a formal dance team separate from the Tennessee cheerleaders. The program took another giant step when Kim Patterson was hired as Volette head coach in 1990. In April of 1990, she walked into their lives. A woman of experience, technical expertise, charm, and downright physical ability, Patterson produced an immediate impact on the dancers who were members of the Volettes. "She changed everything around. She was innovative and a change of pace. She always dedicated so much time to the team," said Rachel Noe, a member of the first squad Patterson coached.

Over the years, the Tennessee Dance team members have gone from being a group of ladies who were not selected to be Vols' cheerleaders to a collection of women who enjoy dancing as a sport. The team has placed in the top 10 nationally six of the seven years Patterson coached. The name has changed over time (it was the UT Pom Pon Squad from 1990-97), but the love of dancing as a sport has remained constant.

It is that love of dancing as a sport which drew Dawn Snyder from Stafford in the northeast corner of Virginia to tryout for the team in the spring of 1994. At the time, tryouts for the dance team consisted of two consecutive weekends in April each spring. The first weekend was a three-day clinic devoted to teaching material at which Patterson made cuts based on raw skills. The second weekend was the actual tryout which consisted evaluation of technical skills and mastery of the clinic material. In between the weekends are two optional mid-week practices. Attendance at these provide no shortcut to the team; they are merely opportunities to practice and ask more questions about the material.

"I had no idea about the program but I took a whole week off for tryouts my senior year and came down here. I even went to the optional Tuesday and Thursday practices. I figured that if I was going to tryout, I needed to do it right. I had a knee brace because I had an injury and so everyone started calling me, 'the knee brace girl,' but I loved it. I don't think the other girls learned my name until we met for summer practices," Snyder said.

Snyder took a prominent role within the team as she has matured and been on the team for four years, serving as co-captain her sophomore year, and as captain her junior and senior years. During this time, the team continued to set standards of excellence and raise the bar of future expectation for future teams by being selected to participate in the National Dance Team Championship administered by Universal Dance Association. The team placed in the top 10 in the nation the four years Snyder was a part of the squad's leadership. "I've done a complete 180 from my freshman year. Being a co-captain my sophomore year was a big part. The fact that somebody thought I could do that job really opened my mind. My mindset now is completely different," she said.

Dawn Snyder, Cindy Lacy, Allison Lacy at Homecoming football game of 1997 (a Vols win over Southern Mississippi 44-20) .

Snyder became more involved with the team as the only two-year captain. She assisted Patterson in many aspects of coaching and management areas of the squad. She was also the liaison between the other girls and Patterson. This was a vital component of the team's chemistry, especially once Patterson decided to retire at the end of the 1997-98 academic year. "That was tough because it created a lack of team unity; there wasn't really somebody there," Snyder said. Someone had to step up and Snyder met the challenge.

During her undergraduate career, Snyder also stayed active outside of the 30-plus hours a week she must devote to the dance team. She ran marathons, was active in Vol Corps (the students who provide tours to prospective UT students), and was the choreographer of the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity for their 1998 carnicus production, which garnered third place. Snyder has also served as the coach of the Bearden High School dance team for three years.

She will graduate in December of 1998 with a degree in broadcasting. All of that technical coaching experience will come in handy for Snyder as she will remain with Tennessee as a graduate assistant and technical coach/choreographer for the dance team. Snyder's experiences at the national competition level will also help in her role as a choreographer, a mentor, and a friend to the younger girls. As Patterson retires from coaching to devote more time to her family and her new job, she couldn't be happier with the selection of Snyder as the assistant to the new head coach, Sheila Evans. "We have very similar philosophies about the discipline and dedication required of the team members. I suspect those will remain high as well," Patterson said. She will leave her charges in able hands.

Evans comes to UT after being the head coach at Jefferson County high school. There is a long association between her and Patterson and they share the same coaching styles. Since she has been the coach at Jefferson County, six girls have made Patterson's dance teams at Tennessee. Evans is looking forward to working with the squad and Snyder for the 1998-99 academic year.

It would appear that the Volunteer Dance team is on the edge of a major directional change. It should move forward in another giant leap as the development of the team has come full circle. Patterson has been a devoted coach since she arrived, but it is time to take the successes even further. Look for some new faces this fall, both on the West sideline and among the coaches, when the Volunteer Dance team again takes their traditional position in Neyland Stadium near the South endzone.

—Steve Sams

LADY VOLS

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Lady Vols Finish Seventh at SECs...

KELLI WHITE LEADS LADY VOLS TO NCAAs!

Junior Kelli White took second in the 200m dash and third in the 100m dash, anchored the 4x100m relay to second-place accolades and helped the 4x400m unit to a fourth-place certificate in leading the Tennessee women to a final team finish of seventh with 65 points on Sunday evening in the Southeastern Conference Championships at the Percy Beard Track & Field Complex on the University of Florida campus.

Final standings included Florida winning the meet with 142 points, followed by South Carolina (121.50), Georgia (109), Arkansas (89.50), LSU (77), Auburn (76) and Tennessee (65). Vanderbilt took eighth with 53 points with Kentucky (32), Alabama (25), Ole Miss (19) and Mississippi State (10) closing out the scoring.

In finishing as the runner-up to Georgia's Debbie Ferguson (22.53) in the 200m, White clocked her second school record in that event in as many days with a reading of 22.58 and a legal wind measurement of +1.2. Her time broke her day-old mark of 22.81 set in the prelims. Along with third-place finisher Peta-Gaye Dowdie of LSU (22.59), the trio clicked off the fastest three times in the nation in that event thus far in 1998.

In the 100m dash, White recorded her fastest time of the season in 11.21. That mark was good enough for third-place honors, and it would have amounted to her third school-record clocking in as many days if not for a barely illegal wind reading of +2.1. One of the best races of the meet, the title went to Georgia's Ferguson, who edged LSU's Dowdie in a photo finish, 11.085 to 11.089.

Additionally, White anchored UT's 4x100m relay team to a season-best 43.94 and a second-place finish. She was preceded in the race by Anissa Campbell, Erica Witter and Saidah Jones. Their time tied for the third-best clocking in Lady Vol history, equaling the 1995 SEC performance of Michelle Bookman, Cheryl Finley, Stephanie Fields and Sue Walton at Tuscaloosa, Ala. As for today's race, LSU took top honors with a track record time of 43.51, while Florida was a close third in 43.97.

Finally, White capped off the evening by running the third leg of UT's 4x400m relay unit, which crossed the finish line in a season-best 3:35.17 to take home fourth-place hardware. Joining White were Lesly Love and Witter on the first two legs and Jones on the final 400m. The time, however, will probably not earn them an at-large bid to NCAAs.

In the pole vault, the Big Orange placed three in the top eight to tally a total of 12½ points, headed by Leslie Henley's third-place outing. The senior, however, did not improve upon her NCAA provisional mark of 12-1½, soaring over the bar at 11-2½, 11-7 and 11-11¼ on her first tries before failing to clear a PR attempt of 12-3½. She finished behind champion Kylene Nixon of South Carolina (12-8¼) and second-place Laura Hawkins (12-3½) of Florida. Other Lady Vol point producers in that event were sophomore Beth Gehring in fourth (11-7) and junior Tracy Carrington (10-10) in a tie for seventh with Auburn's Abby Doucette.

Other results included junior Maureen Ferris earning fourth in the 1500m run in 4:32.73; junior Erica Witter coming in sixth in her first SEC 400m hurdle race in a personal-best 60:11; sophomores Kristen Ritter and Mindy Watkins finishing sixth and eighth in the 5000m in 17:22:45 and 17:41.70, respectively; senior Saidah Jones taking seventh in the 400m dash with a season-best time of 53.25 and Campbell placing ninth in the 100m dash in 11.84w. Campbell was the only Lady Vol on Sunday to finish out of the top eight.

Kelli White posted high marks for the Lady Vol Track squad and will look to add to those honors at the NCAAS

Lady Vol sophomore Amy Bartosik, running in her first collegiate 10,000m race, finished seventh Friday night in the Southeastern Conference Track & Field Championships at the Percy Beard Track & Field Complex at the University of Florida.

A native of Kingsport, Tenn., and a product of Sullivan Central High School, Bartosik clocked in at 38:53.91 to provide Tennessee with two points. FOX Sports South will air a two-hour special program, which highlights the 1998 SEC Outdoor Championships, at 1 p.m. on June 11 and 8 p.m. on June 19.

Michelle Elfervig, who finished fourth in the high jump (1.74m) was Tennessee's lone field competitor who placed in an event.

So, the travel party for the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships includes White in the 100m and 200m dashes and Campbell, Witter, Jones and White in the 4x100m relay. Henley, who currently ranks 15th in the nation in the vault, had to wait and see if she received a provisional berth.

—Eric Trainer

ACADEMIC ALL-SEC ANNOUNCED

UT placed nine athletes on the SEC Academic Honor Roll, released Tuesday. The list includes graduate student Leslie Henley (4.0, Kinesiology), seniors Dorothy Denko (3.0, Language/World Business) and Michelle Elfervig (3.81, Engineering Science), juniors Maureen Ferris (3.64, English), Zakiah Modeste (3.14, Retail & Consumer Science) and Erica Witter (3.26, Biochemistry) and sophomores Marquita Knight (3.0, Arts & Science), Kristen Ritter (3.45, Arts & Science) and Mindy Watkins (3.43, Arts & Science).

The Last Word...

JOHN WARD AND BILL ANDERSON!

In today's advanced technological world, here's the way you send out a release about significant happenings within UTAD, done on something called a Fax Expander:

"MEDIA CONFERENCE SET FOR WEDNESDAY: The University of Tennessee Athletic Department will hold a media conference in the Team Meeting Room on the second floor of the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center on campus tomorrow (Wednesday, June 3) at 11 a.m.The media conference will involve Vol broadcaster John Ward."

I felt a certain twinge of sadness doing this, but the die was now cast, and, whatever would happen, would happen. All that was left now was the inevitable speculation on the talk shows.

The result of all this was the announcement on June 3 that Vol Network broadcaster John Ward and sidekick Bill Anderson were stepping down from behind the Vol Network microphone, effective with the last games of 1998-99, thus ending Ward's basketball broadcasting career which started in 1964-65 and a football broadcasting career with Anderson which started in 1968. It was a time frame in which the duo became two of the most popular sports figures across the width and breadth of Big Orange Country, however you define that term.

"When 107,000 people show up for a football game or 24,000 come for basketball, part of that legacy of building that goes to John Ward and Bill Anderson for creating an aura about our place that has just been tremendous," AD Doug Dickey said. "I appreciate all they have done and all they have meant to us."

Ward was succinct, as always. "I have a prepared statement and I'm going to read it: 'It's time.'" With that, he sat down.

I cannot let this moment, this time, pass without a few observations.

John Ward brought home the story of Vol athletics as no man could. It goes back as far as I can remember to the time John was the public address announcer at Shields-Watkins Field, through taking over basketball broadcasts in 1964-65 and eventually football with Anderson in 1968 and through today when I sit with John and Bill in press boxes throughout the country, with binoculars in one hand and spotter's boards in the other.

Anderson was co-captain of the 1957 team and had been with Ward since the 1968 season opener against Georgia. As Edwin Huster of the Vol Network observed, "You can't imagine John without Bill or Bill without John."

John Ward and broadcast buddy Bill Anderson at Neyland Stadium, the site of many of the great moments together, when they were honored for 30 years on the Vol Network.

There was the magic year of 1966-67 when the Vols surprised everybody by winning the SEC in hoops and Ward's broadcasts of road games were the hottest show in town. (When the Vols were at home, everybody was at the brand new Stokely Athletic Center here on campus to see the games in person, many albeit with radios listening to Ward's broadcast.)

Tennessee won the SEC title that year in a triple overtime game at Starkville, Miss., when a sophomore guard named Bill Justus canned two free throws to give the Vols the victory. When the game ended and the Vols had won the SEC, my recollection is that Ward said something like this: "Wrap it up, tie it in Orange and White and send it to Bill Justus, c/o Gibbs Hall, Knoxville, Tennessee."

The beat went on over the years. There were the "Ernie and Bernie" years when Ward did the radio broadcast on an ever-growing Vol Network and then everybody in Stokely went home to watch the taped replay with Ward's radio call of the game dubbed over. One night at Kentucky, when Bernard King was at his best, Ward uttered these memorable words: "We don't editorialize much, but this young man can play this game."

There were also magic moments on the gridiron for Ward and Anderson, like the 1985 Alabama game ("Shula back to throw, left-handed, out into the flat...Broken up... Was that intercepted in mid-air?...Ladies and gentlemen, what a play by Dale Jones!"), the 1986 Sugar Bowl ("Powell just came roaring down the greensward...), the 1995 Alabama game ("80 yards, Joey Kent... Touchdown... on Play... No... 1") and many others. It was a grand and glorious time.

Then there are the numbers. Ward has appeared on weekly coaches shows since 1965 with Dickey, Bill Battle, John Majors and Phillip Fulmer, a total of 340 shows. In basketball, since 1965, he has appeared with Ray Mears, Cliff Wettig, Don DeVoe, Wade Houston, Kevin O'Neill and Jerry Green, a total of 337 shows. They started on time, finished on time and were anxiously awaited each week. Ward was the glue, the frame around the broadcast, doing the job the right way, whether it was after a win over Alabama or a loss to UCLA. It didn't matter.

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees named the fourth floor broadcast area of Neyland Stadium the "John Ward Broadcast Center" in the fall of 1995, honoring his years of broadcast service.

For my part, I'll remember the nights on the road, studying spot charts, the thrill of the pre-game when Ward and Anderson set the stage for the game to follow and, of course, the thrill of a well-done broadcast. I think I'll keep a set of spotter's boards, complete with a Ward and Anderson autograph and message, this season.

There are two stories which will always be with me when I think of John Ward. One involved a trip John and his wife, Barbara, took on the Orient Express. Just before the train left the station, John and Barbara were in their seats when another man and his wife got on the train. The man walked past the Wards, looked in John's general direction and said, "Bottom!"

The other was an injunction Lindsey Nelson had in his best-selling book "Hello Everybody, I'm Lindsey Nelson." Getting ready to take a cue from Brent Musberger for a 1982 game at Pittsburgh, Lindsey thought about the days Musberger was his spotter and remembered "always be nice to the spotter."

Ladies and gentlemen, I can say for certain that John Ward and Bill Anderson were always nice to the spotter.

— Tom Mattingly

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